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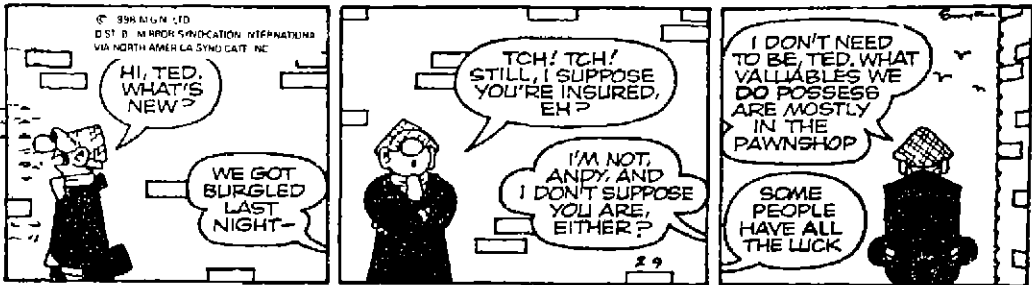
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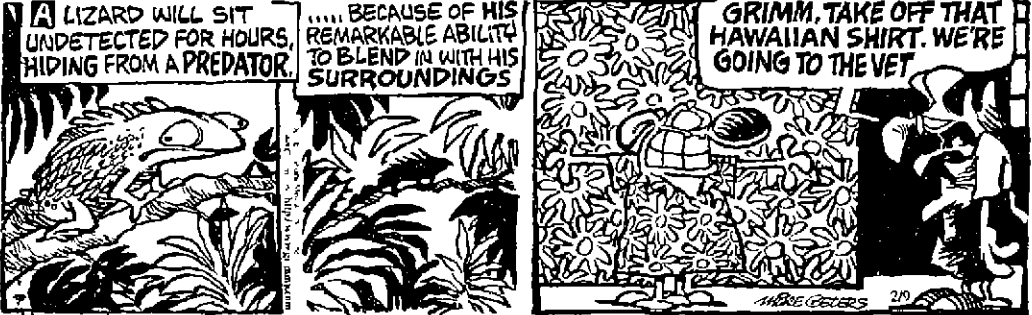
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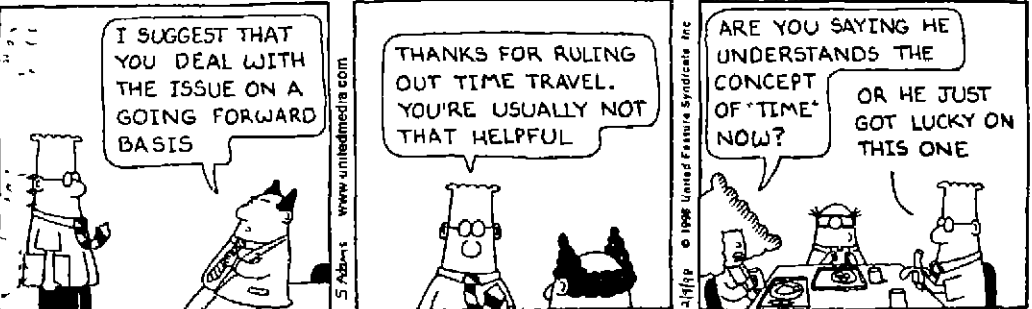
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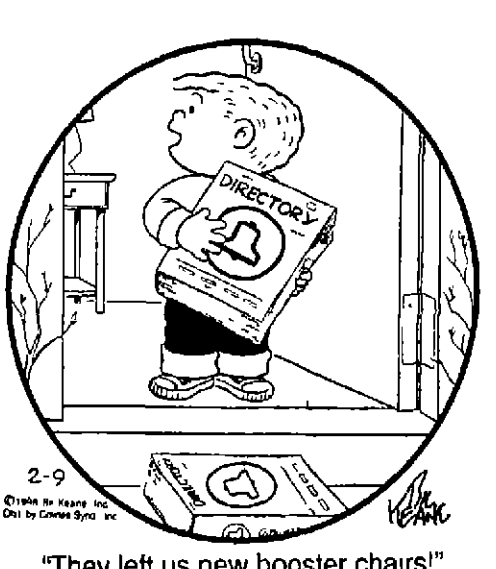
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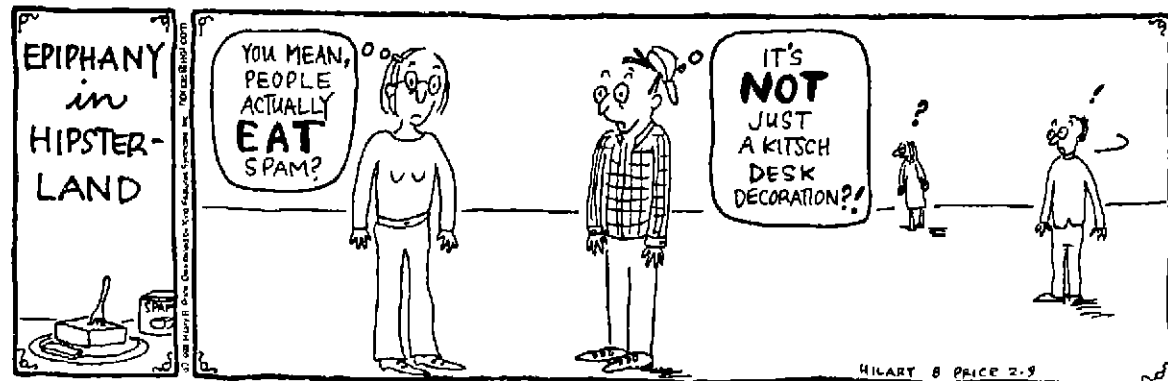
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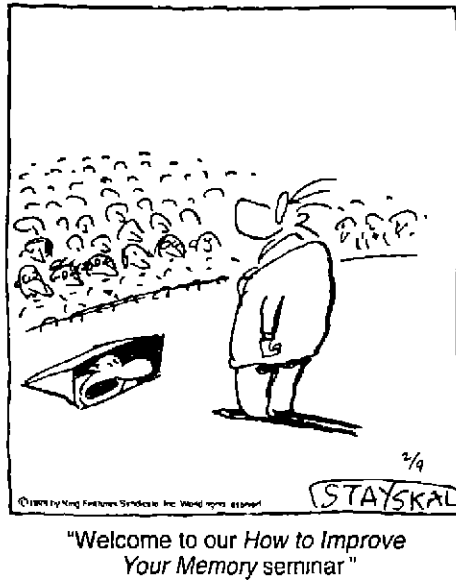
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress Kathryn Grayson is 76. Television journalist Roger Mudd is 70. Singer-songwriter Carole King is 56. Actor Joe Pesci is 55. Singer Barbara Lewis is 55. Author Alice Walker is 54. Actress Mia Farrow is 53. Singer Joe Ely is 51. Actress Judith Light is 49. Rhythm-and-blues musician Dennis "D.T." Thomas (Kool & the Gang) is 47. Country singer Travis Tritt is 35. Actor David Gallagher ("7th Heaven") is 13.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

SCRABBLE puzzle grid and instructions. The grid contains letters in a 10x10 format. Instructions include: DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. Blanks used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDG'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 2-9-98. © 1998 United Features Syndicate, Inc.

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

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Word Sleuth puzzle grid containing letters for word search.

Saturday's unlisted clue PETER. Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Monday's unlisted clue hint SHELTER FOR A HORSE.

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1998. ARIES (March 21 to April 19) There's no time for idle chitchat and your temper is a bit short. However, don't give in to that feeling of being swamped. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're taken by surprise when a friend makes a very ugly remark about a mutual acquaintance. However, perhaps it's time you took off the rose-colored glasses. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You feel a bit tired and run down and should take steps to safeguard your health. There's a nasty bug going around. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Happily, you and a friend with whom you've had a recent disagreement make amends. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You know that good looks aren't everything, so stop giving short shrift to someone whose intellect appeals but whose looks aren't stellar. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You're in the middle of that family battle, but you do well to remember that you're the one who stirred up the pot. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A close relative is behaving in a juvenile fashion, grating on your nerves. However, you can't change this person. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Some demands you're making on a friend are just impossible to fulfill. Lighten up. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) It's a good idea to look to the future, but not too far forward. Deal with what's happening in a realistic manner. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You're in a bit of a reclusive mood and want nothing more than time by yourself. This is only possible if you complete all tasks at hand. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A pleasant midday social outing is a welcome respite from the job. But don't let it stretch into late afternoon. PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) A change of work hours has you a bit out of sorts. However, this is only temporary.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Those who never have problems with misbehaving trump suits will learn little from today's deal. If their trump suits always split 2-2, their bridge futures remain secure. For the rest of us, it's well to examine why South lost today's slam. Dummy's trump 10 won, and South cashed dummy's king, expecting a 2-2 break and a possible overtrick. When they didn't break, he led dummy's diamond jack and ruffed East's queen. With the club suit blocked, South couldn't afford to draw West's last trump, so he tried his three top clubs. No luck there. West ruffed, exited with a diamond, and the slam fell one short. South could discard two hearts on dummy's clubs, but when the heart finesse failed, the slam went with it. A more prudent declarer, who doesn't expect a favorable trump break, finds a better way to make the slam. Instead of drawing a second trump, he ruffs a diamond at trick two. Then he returns to dummy in trumps to ruff dummy's last diamond. When he cashes the three top clubs, West can ruff, but what can he lead? If West exits in hearts after ruffing the third club, South gets a free finesse to score 12 winners. And if West offers a ruff and sluff instead, dummy ruffs while South discards a low heart. South then discards two more hearts on dummy's clubs, eliminating any need for a heart finesse.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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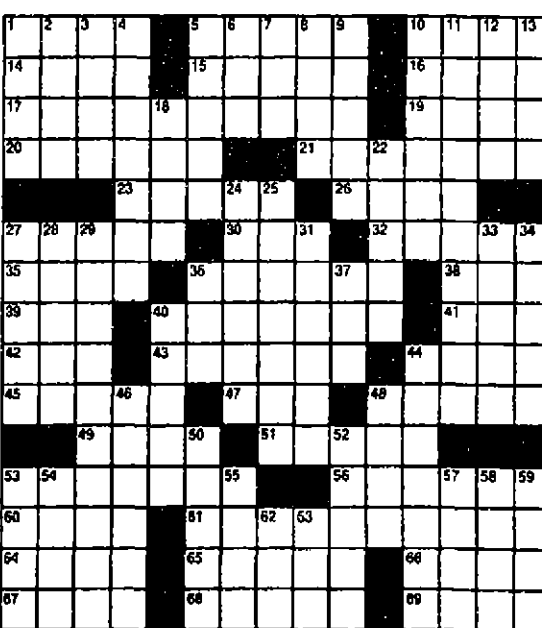
- ACROSS: 1 With gold trim, 5 Jewish text, 10 Breakfast restaurant chain, 14 Dr. Frankenstein's assistant, 15 Scent, 16 Taboo, 17 "Psycho" setting, 19 Buttonhole, 20 Elvis's Graceland, e.g., 21 In dire, 23 Sudden swelling, 26 Contents of a playground box, 27 Radio tube gas, 30 Aardvark's nibble, 32 Razz, 35 Used, 36 Winslow Homer, e.g., 38 Day in Jerusalem, 39 Nabokov heroine, 40 Hooey, 41 Bachelor's last words, 42 Stimp's pal, 43 Emissary, 44 Winged pest, 45 Jump out of the way, 47 Opposite WSW, 48 Pick up on, 49 Replaceable shoe part, 51 Snares, 53 Dagwood's lady, 56 Rag, 60 Item often kept on hand?, 61 Title setting for a Neil Simon play, 64 Hurler Hersher, 65 Egg on, 66 Tear up, 67 Yarrowburgh of the Daytona 500, 68 "Lorna" (1869 novel), 69 Slices of history.

DOWN

- 1 Taunt, 2 Certain supermarkets, for short, 3 Sen. Trent, 4 Benedict Arnold's crime, 5 Bronco buster, 6 Aztec treasure, 7 Go bad, 8 Iowa State University site, 9 Puts a stop to, 10 Loony, 11 "White Christmas" setting, 1942, 12 "Put a lid" on, 13 Partner of pans, 18 Flabbergast, 22 Threadbare, 24 Auto repair shop, 28 Contest contestant.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE grid containing letters for word search.



Puzzle by Gregory E. Paul

- 27 Obie, for one, 28 Calgary Stampede, e.g., 29 Title setting for a 1932 Oscar film, 31 Hairdresser, at times, 33 Fountain treats, 34 Ham it up, 36 London libation, 37 Envision, 40 Run in the wash, 44 Signal with the hands, 48 Not rough, 49 Hot tubs, 50 Biochemical compound, 51 Swift's "—" of a Tub, 53 Univ. hotshot, 54 Money in Milan, 55 "Sesame Street" Muppet, 57 Bleacher feature, 58 Sicilian rumbler, 59 Zinfandels, 62 Sgt.'s mail drop, 63 Buddhist sect.

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